John Kendrick Bangs,

Famous Humorist,

Yonkers, N. Y., is a thriving, pros-

perous, progressive city, with nothing

inherently humorous about it but the

people of its big neighbor, Gotham,

insist upon considering Yonkers as a

perennial loke. Such being the case,

Bangs, also famous as a humorist

Mr. Bangs made his initial appear-

ance in the world and in Yonkers

was defeated, and the highest office

There are people who laugh

on a small boy's slide.

ed twenty years ago.

an old man slips and falls heavily

people who take Bernard Shaw seri-

to funerals, because although he en-joys them hugely, he is always seiz-

when he even sees an undertaker."

ed with an irrestible desire to laugh

PETROGRAD

The first building in Petrograd-formerly St. Petersburg—was com-

ignored the advice of the ablest en-

gineers of Russia, who declared that

involved so many difficulties as to be

the building of a city on the miry sit

impossible. Peter was not discour

the window from which he

subsequent conflagrations. * /

look out upon Europe. In 1736 the

it was rebuilt, and has survived many

Winsted, Conn., May 27.-Coinci

ient with the going into effect of the

summer time-table on the Central

was announced to-day the following

changes in names of stations on the

line in Connecticut will also be ef-

North Bloomfield to Barnard; Strat-ton Brook to Stratton; Collinsville

Brook to Cherry; Colebrook to Law-rence; Norfolk Summit to Summit;

West Norfolk to Haystack; Blake's Summit to Washing; Chapinville to

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Vanderbilt, here.

Clarksville changed to Griffin;

to High Street; Cherry

FOR A. G. VANDERBILT

Relatives and

New York, May 27 .- Tributes to

the memory of Alfred G. Vanderbilt,

who perished with the sinking of the steamship Lusitania were paid to-day

in memorial services held at the home

home of his mother, Mrs. Cornelius

friends only attended the services. Mr

Vanderbilt's body was not recovered

tore Romano, the Vatican organ. The

Pontiff recalls his first encyclical in

which he urged the belligerent na-

tions to make peace but points out

FOR UNIVERSAL PEACE

after the Lusitania sank although

long search was made for it.

POPE URGES PRAYERS

fective:

OLD C. N. E. TOWNS NOW

YOU'LL NEVER KNOW THE

nenced 212 years ago today, May 27,

ously. I know a man who never goes

Born in Yonkers

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IS GREAT BRITAIN ABOUT TO RESORT/TO CONSCRIPTION?

LOWLY, BUT SURELY, Great Britain is approaching conscription. It may be that the remaking of the cabinet to include representatives of all the great parties is actually brought about by the necessity for complete national solidarity as a condition precedent to a resort to the draft. Great Britain enough to the public business. already has enlisted something like 2,000,000 volunteers, a very large number, and must be approaching the period when Italy Celebrates 650th stronger methods are necessary.

Volunteer enlistment was not found adequate in this country during the Civil War. The conscription laws were not well received, everywhere, as the Draft Riots in New York city

Conscription is novel to the habits of the English speaking nations, and is a resort to be avoided as long as possible.

But if conscription is resorted to it ought to run level across all sections of the community, and ought not to be tainted, as our conscription was, by exemptions available to the well-to-do and influential classes, but not to the workers.

The French and the Germans urge a system of forced military service that operates against everybody, with equality. A young German, or a young Frenchman of an influential family, would feel disgraced, should he try to avoid military service, by purchase, or otherwise.

The state of mind existing among the influential Britons. is exhibited by the Bishop of Pretoria, who says, in an interview cabled to American newspapers:-

"Is this national Government going to be the real thing or is it not? Is this new Government going to tackle this business on the same ridiculous principles of voluntary service, as heretofore, or in the only way in which it can be tackled with any certain hope of ultimate success? Is it going to tell the nation at once that we cannot win this war and that we shall uselessly sacrifice thousands of lives unless the Government has the power given to it to call upon the services of every single man, woman, and child, if need be, for whatever each individual is most capable of doing, directly or indirectly, for the accomplishment of the one object before us the smashing of the enemy?

"It is the height of impudent folly to imagine that we are as a nation so miraculously endowed by the Almighty that we and we alone of all the nations in the world can prosecute such a war as we are engaged in to a successful issue without calling on the whole resources of the nation. At present we are treating it as a sort of a side show to the real business of life, which must be kept going as

It ought to be national service. It ought especially to embrace those who have been active in promoting the war, active in urging volunteers to go and who otherwise have exhibited a martial spirit. Above all, there should be no exemption by purchase. The call of the nation should reach into every home from the loftiest to the humblest, for thus alone can a really enational army exist.

BRAVE OLD UNCLE JOE

TNCLE JOE CANNON is never too old to fight. He complains of the President's policy, that it contains too many notes and too little action. A vigorous old gentleman is age of thirty-six he was banished Cannon. But to do him justice, if it were a case of fight, and he nation would take him, Cannon would go. Cowardice was not one of the qualities which marked the Cannon school of political piracy.

THE DEATH OF MRS. WILSON

HE CITY SYMPATHIZES with Mayor Wilson who has suffered the death of his mother. No keener grief can overtake any man. The late Mrs. Wilson was of the type of New England women to whom home is the chief concern, and whose children are the objects of their supreme ambition. It is such women as she who are meant when it is said, "The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world."

THE DESERTS OF BECKER.

BECKER HAS been twice tried and twice convicted. His guilt seems to be clear. He was entrusted with the duty 1892, and the present structure was of preserving law and order. He was a grafter, and to keep the knowledge of his grafting from the world, organized a conspiracy to murder. Four debased and ignorant young men were brought out of the slums of New York to do his will. Without malice, or hatred, but in the disinterested desire to carry out orders and receive their hire, these youths committed murider, and died in the electric chair. The example this furnished will sadly fail if Becker's sentence is not executed. AL CUILLUIS

LLOYD GEORGE'S NEW JOB

THE TREMENDOUS consumption of munitions is shown in the selection of so great a statesman and organizer as Lloyd George to have charge of the supply for the British army. best known biography of Wagner. For many years he has lived in Ger-It appears that the men in the trenches complain of scanty supply, and the complaint was made the basis of an attack upon Lord Kitchener. They may be other reasons for the deposition of Lloyd George from the head of the treasury, to the management of this work. They must have been bargaining between the government and the Unionists, as to what should be given and what taken, that a truly national cabinet might be formed. It may be that George's assault upon the liquor interest, arrayed a balance of power against him, sufficient to shake his authori-My. The real facts may not be known, until the war is over.

THE DANBURY HATTERS AND THEIR PROPERTY.

THE AMERICAN Federation of Labor and the United Hatters of North America have refused to pay the judgment obtained against the Danbury hatters. They are probably influenced by a desire to obtain the moral effect that will flow from the seizure of the homes of the workmen affected by the judgment. Such a procedure in Great Britain led to legislative action legalizing strikes, picketing and certain types of boycotting. The American Federation undoubtedly believes that, some

similar result will follow here. The property which must be taken consists mostly of dwelling houses. The houses are located in Danbury, a center of sympathy for the hatters. It is freely said there that these houses will be very difficult to rent, after they have passed by judicial decision into the possession of the plaintiffs in the case. swell again parted two of the cables. ed Italy."

captains do not like. It is human nature not to prefer to pay taxes, and he would be more than human who rejoiced over having to pay more taxes.

The rest of the state listens in polite sympathy while the Proposed Ordinance Legal, City ululations of insurance chagrin stir the welkin but in the certain knowledge that the chastisement is just, and long overdue.

If Hartford will measure its taxation against Bridgeport's, and then will compare what has been provided for it from state funds, with what has been provided for Bridgeport, it may arrive at the notion it has been well treated.

Hartford, through at least one of its most influential organs, was ever a defender of the methods by which Connecticut lost about a million of annual revenue from the railroads. If the insurance companies now contribute their quota to meet had talked with City Attorney Comley the railroad shortage—for this is virtually the case—it may cause them to reflect upon penalties inflicted because leading he questioned if it would be for the citizens pay too much attention to their own business and not

Anniversary of Dante

Dante, the immortal Italian poet tho ranks with Shapespeare, Voltaire cervantes, and the few other really great lights of modern literature, was born in Florence on May 27, and his 650th anniversary will be widely celebrated in Italy today. Of the su-preme national poets of medern times ie was the first in point of time, and it is quite appropriate that. Yonkers ertainly far from being the least in should be the adopted home of Irvin point of influence. The illustrious S. Cobb, formerly of Paducah, and Torentine has made an impress upon the birthplace of John Kendrick etters that extends far beyond native land. The "Divina Commedia" has held its own for six centuries and a half as the finest religious epic to fifty-three years ago today. He was come from the pen of a Christian educated at Columbia and studied

law for a couple of years, but soon abandoned his legal ambitions to be-Alighleri Dante was born in Florcome an associate editor of Life Later he was associated, in an edience but buried at Ravenna, and for centuries the two cities waged a biter warfare for the possession of the poet's bones. The house in which torial capacity, with Harper's Magazine, Harper's Weekly, Metropolitan Dante was born still stands. It is Magazine and Puck. All this time he situated on an extremely narrow side was writing books, beginning with the street, near the Dromo and is care-publication of "Roger Camerden" preserved by the Florentines. nearly thirty years ago, until now his list of titles runs into the dozens Florence also has a monument to Dante in the church of Santa Croce. Mr. Bangs was democratic candidate This memorial, erected in 1829, confor mayor of Yonkers in 1894, but sists of a life size statue of Dante, on marble sarcophagus. The latter is he ever achieved was vice president of the Yonkers Board of Education. the Florentines to bring about the A few years ago the humorist estab-removal of the ashes of their most lished a home in Maine and left unillustrious bard ended in failure. At the celebration of the 600th anniverof Dante's birth, in 1865, another Dante memorial, a great marble stone statue was set up in an open square near the church. Perpetual lamps are kept burning before the nonument in the church, as well as perore the tomb in Rayenna.

The tomb of Dante is far from being impressive. It is a plain structure in a narrow alley. The sarcophagus is plain, and the wall is embelished only with a bas relief of the poet. The urn containing all that is mortal of Dante bears some lines which were said to have been dictated by the poet on his death-bed. The epitaph con-The epitaph con cludes with the lines: 'Here am I. Dante, shut, exfled from

"A House Boat on the Styx." "The Idiot" and "Mr. Bonaparte of Corsica," all of which were publishthe uncestral shore, Whom Florence, the of all least-lov-ing mother bore."

Florentines deny the authenticity of these lines, but it is certain that dante had reason to grieve over the from Florence through the machina-At the time interceding with the Pope in behalf of his party. His enemies in Florence not only secured a decree of banishment against him, but the poet was condemned to pay 8,000 florins as a fine, on penalty of con-fiscation of his property. Rather than pay the fine, which might be construed as a confession of his guilt, Dante made no effort to retain his property, and left Florence forever. He lived nineteen years after that, wandering about from city to city and village to village throughout northern It was more by accident than by deliberate choice that Dante died

More than a century passed before the people of Ravenna were awakened to the true greatness of the poet whose bones lay in an unmarked grave in the cemetery of the Fran-ciscan convent. In 1483 a special omb was built for Dante, adjoining This was restored in poet were once removed in the fear that they would be stolen, but were taken from their hiding place and restored to the tomb in 1865.

Houston Chamberlain

Although he is English and the sor a British admiral, without a drop of Teuton blood in his veins, Hous ton Stewart Chamberlain now wears the Iron Cross by grace of the German emperor, that order having recently been conferred upon him in recognition of his bitter attacks on his native land, which have been widely published in the German press. Mr. Chamberlain is the author of the many, contributing to the leading reviews and magazines. He married Eva Wagner, daughter of the great composer, and spends most of time at the celebrated Wagner villa in Bayreuth, the home of his motherin-law. Chamberlain has become naturalized citizen of Germany, and, in throwing off allegiance to his native country, gave himself over to the bitterest criticisms of the government, people, institutions, and characteristics of Britain Britishers. In giving vent to hatred of "perfidious Albion," Chamberlain has surpassed the most vitriolic of Teuton writers. Since the war began he has thrown off all restraint, and his articles are widely read and applauded. English though he is, he has become a popular ido Germany. Chamberlain's early ambition was to become a British ever since he has been an embittered expatriate. His ancestors for generations have been English. His father, the late William C. Chamberlain, was an admiral in the royal navy, and his mother was the daughter of an English naval officer, Capt. Basil Hall. In their hatred of Englishmen Germans make few exceptions, and the chief of these is Cham-

The use of air to lighten the sub- that his voice was unheeded and the marine F-4 in Honolulu harbor will war continued until "the terrible con

COMMITTEE MEETS

Attorney Says- Aldermen Disagree.

The petition of the Bricklayers' & Plasterers' union that union men and Bridgeport men in particular be given the preference in all city work and on all buildings for the city, received scant consideration at the meeting of the ordinance committee of the com-mon council last night. The legality of such an ordinance was questioned by Alderman Blakeslee. He said he and had been informed that an ordi-nance of such character was legal but an ordinance. The matter was put over for the time being while the committee discussed City Engineer Terry's proposals for a regulation of the sewer system by ordinance

When it was again taken up for dissussion Alderman Winterburn said a similar ordinance had been proposed before and that a former city attorney had questioned its legality. derman Blakeslee remembered this and said it is because of the decision of a former city attorney that he had consulted City Attorney Comley on the matter. Alderman Whitney alone spoqe in favor of the petition. He said he thought it would be proper legislation and if the city attorney said it would be legal he saw no rea son for delaying action. It was finally voted to lay the matter on the table until the next meeting of the committee in order that the members might get more information on the subject.

KING EMMANUEL **EXHORTS SUBJECTS**

Rome, May 27-King Victor Emnanuel, upon taking supreme command of the Italian army and navy, ssued the following order:

"Soldiers on land and sea: the sol emn hour of the nation's claims has Following the example of my grandfather, I take today supreme command of Italy's forces on land and appreciative Yonkers to its fate and ea, with the assurance of victory Humor, Mr. Bangs has confessed, which your bravery, self-abnegation s an elusive thing, and difficult to and discipline will obtain. define. "What is one man's joke," he wrote, "is another man's trial.

"The enemy you are preparing to fight is hardened to war and worthy of you. Favored by the nature of the ground and skillful works, he will resist tenaciously; but your unsubdued

arder will surely vanquish him. "Soldiers: to you has come the glory of unfurling Italy's colors on the sacred lands which nature has given as the frontiers of our country. To Mr. Bangs gained a place in the forefront of American writers with "A House Boat on the Styx," "The you has come the glory of finally accomplishing the work undertaken with so much heroism by our fath-

WILL HOLD HEARING ON WIDENING OF CONGRESS

STREET ON NORTH SIDE The board of appraisal of benefits and damages will meet in the com-1763, by Peter the Great, who toiled mon council chamber at the city hall with his own hands in laying the Thursday evening, June 3, to hear Neva for his capital Peter the Great north side, also to hear property owners relative to a change of grade in Huntington read.

TAX METHODS CAUSE RIOTING IN MALAY

aged, and built a small hut for him-Tokio, May 27 .- Reports of serious workmen engaged in the gigantic task. Peasants by thousands were toting in the northern part of the Malay peninsula have been brought ordered to leave their fields and enhere by steamer from Nagasaki. The gage in the operations. Tremendous uprisings are said to have been started as a protest against taxation. It plies were driven into the marsh to serve as a foundation for the buildis reported that a force of three thou-sand rebels repulsed a punitive ex-The locality was so unhealthful that the toilers died like flies, but pedition and pillaged villages and Peter the Great persevered and lashed towns, murdering many white residents. The British administrator has the survivors to their tasks. In 1710 dents. the first brick house was built, and in 1711 the capital of the empire was in Siam transferred from Moscow to the new city which was, as Peter expressed it,

MAY DAY AT MT. HOLYOKE.

South Hadley, Mass., May 27-May in colors, Day exercises at Mount Holyoke Col lege, postponed from yesterday be-cause of rain, were favored by excelweather today. The program included a procession of the student body, in fancy dress, to the outdoor auditorium, the crowning of the May Queen and dances about the May

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Main floor, east.

Greenway Gowns for little Girls.



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Prices from \$3.00 to \$5.00. Madras and Crepe Dresses with smocked yokes, \$1.50, \$1.75.

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Second floor.

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Lace Section, main floor.

The Sale of Porch Furniture.

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MARIA BURNS ESTATE TO BE ADMINISTERED BY HER DAUGHTER

Delia Hickey, daughter of Marla istration on her mother's estate by Island steamers, opened long clama Jurge Miller in the probate court to- Little Necks, live lobsters, fancy Conday. The estate consists of three par-prime soft shell crabs. Meat departcels of property in this city, which are thought to be worth about \$3,000. Prosecutor DeLaney and Henry J. Prosecutor DeLaney and Henry J. branch, State and Bank streets, East Clampett were named appraisers. Be-Main street. Phones.—Adv. sides Delia Hickey the other heirs are Anne Daley, of Bridgeport; Kate Donahue of Bridgeport; Marie Larrigan of Middletown; Jennie and Patrick in Union Square after calling Burns of Hartford, and Thomas and United States soldiers "murder John Burns of Bridgeport

POINTS OF INTEREST

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> An Armenian calling himself Christian Socialist was nearly mobbed "murderses.